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SUBJECT: ILO - NEXT INTERNATIONAL LABOR CONFERENCE PRESIDENT

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1. AS SUGGESTED REFTTEL, US SHOULD PREPARE WELL IN ADVANCE

FOR THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS OF THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE ILO IN JUNE 77, FOCUSING PARTICULARLY ON AFRICAN MEMBERS FROM WHOSE RANKS THE NEXT ILC PRESIDENT WILL LIKELY BE CHOSEN.

2. ACCORDINGLY, ADDRESSEE POSTS ARE INVITED TO SUBMIT CANDIDATES WHO HOPEFULLY (A) WILL BE SELECTED BY THE AFRICANS AS ONE OF THEIR OWN; AND (B) WHO WILL BE A STRONG PRESIDENT, MAINTAINING ORDER AND GAVELLING DOWN SPEAKERS ATTEMPTING TO INTRODUCE EXTRANEIOUS POLITICAL ISSUES.

3. POST COMMENTS ARE REQUESTED ON THE INDIVIDUALS NAMED BELOW, WHO APPEARED TO GENERATE SOME SUPPORT AT THE JUNE 1976 ILO AND WORLD EMPLOYMENT CONFERENCES AND COULD CONCEIVABLY BE RESPONSIBLE LEADERS AT THE JUNE 1977 ILO CONFERENCE. ALL ARE STRONG AFRICAN NATIONALISTS AND THEIR WILL TO FOLLOW POSITIONS TO WHICH THE GROUP OF 77 MIGHT

OBJECT HAS YET TO BE DEMONSTRATED.

A) THE HON. JAMES NYAMWEYA, MP - MINISTER FOR LABOUR, KENYA.

B) THE HON. HYDEN DINGISWAYO BANDA, MP - MINISTER OF LABOUR AND SOCIAL SERVICES, ZAMBIA.

C) CAPTAIN JOY K. AMEDUME - COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, SOCIAL WELFARE AND COOPERATIVES, GHANA (CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEES OF THE WORLD EMPLOYMENT CONFERENCE WITH DISTINCTION.).

D) J. JENKINS PEAL - MINISTER OF LABOUR, YOUTH AND SPORTS, LIBERIA (MAY BE TOO CLOSELY IDENTIFIED WITH THE US).

E) SIMEON OLUJIMI KOKU - PERMANENT SECRETARY, FEDERAL MINISTRY OF LABOUR, NIGERIA. HIS MINISTER, BRIGADIER HENRY E.O. ADEFOPE, COULD BE EXPECTED TO BE MORE RADICAL.

F) AMADOU LY - MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS, LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT, SENEGAL.
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4. THIS IS BY NO MEANS AN EXHAUSTIVE LIST. SINCE THE 1977 OAU MEETING IS TO TAKE PLACE IN LIBREVILLE, THE GABONESE MINISTER MAY BE THE AFRICAN CANDIDATE. THE SAME MAY BE SAID FOR MAURITIUS, WHICH PRESENTLY HOLDS THE OAU CHAIRMANSHIP, OR CAMEROON OR TOGO WHERE FREQUENT PAN-AFRICAN MEETINGS TAKE PLACE.

5. POST COMMENTS ON THESE AND OTHER POSSIBLE CANDIDATES
ARE ENCOURAGED. ROBINSON

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